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STATINTL

1. (Internal Use Only - PLC) [REDACTED] and I cleared with Frank Slatinshek, Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee staff, a proposal by Representative John M. Ashbrook, (R., Ohio), to send a letter to the Director requesting a run-down of the Agency's problems with H.R. 12471 which amends the Freedom of Information Act. Representative Ashbrook intends using the Agency's reply in his remarks on the House floor when the conference report on the bill is voted upon. I subsequently called George Armstrong, Representative Ashbrook's staff man, to inform him that we were most appreciative of the Representative's support. Armstrong hoped to have the letter ready for us Monday.

25X1C During the conversation, Armstrong requested any copies or references [REDACTED]

2. (Internal Use Only - PLC) Jim Kronfeld, Subcommittee on Foreign Operations and Government Information, House Government Operations Committee, called to inform me that the Subcommittee staff had unanimously taken the position that CIA must be exempted from the provision of H.R. 12006. The bill, now in markup grants any person the right of access to records concerning him maintained by Government agencies. Later in the day I left with Kronfeld our suggested language for inclusion in the conference report on H.R. 12471 which amends the Freedom of Information Act and is scheduled for conference committee consideration 9 July. Our language makes it clear that in any court review of Intelligence Sources and Methods the court must recognize that such information is protected by statute which allows little latitude of discretion for its protection.

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